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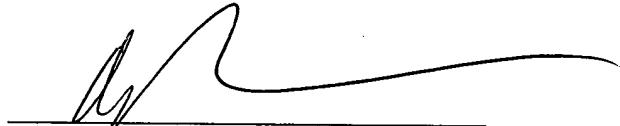
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AG	EP 1 158 820 A1	11/28/01	European			xx
	AH	WO 01/39443 A1	05/31/01	WIPO			xx
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OTHER REFERENCES *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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US CL : 370/355; 455/412, 413, 426, 509, 519, 526

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,867,785 A (AVERBUCH et al) 02 February 1999, see entire document.	1-10
A	US 5,483,524 A (LEV et al ) 09 January 1996, see entire document.	1-10
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